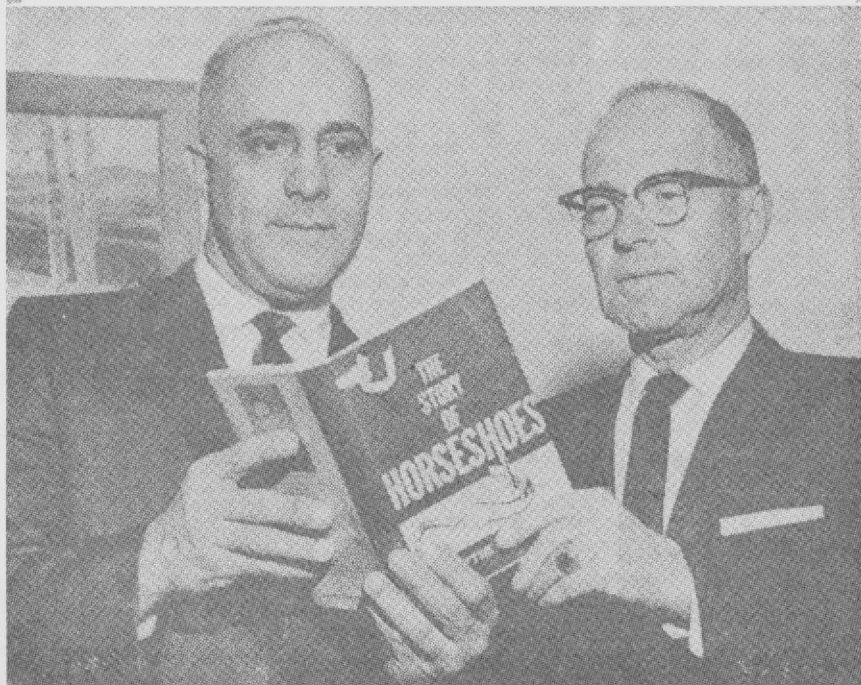


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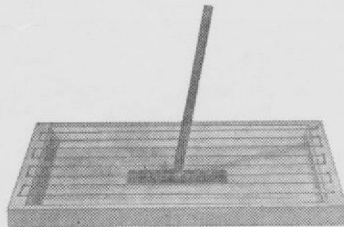
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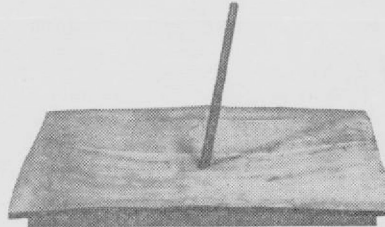
Dixon Portable Horseshoe Courts (Patent Pending) are now available. I have received many inquiries on these courts, but have not been able to present them at a price I felt would be attractive. I have been able to purchase the rubber pads in large quantities and can pass the savings on to you. The new nylon suspension system has eliminated some cost and improves the efficiency of the rubber pad greatly. The life of these pads should be at least ten years and are guaranteed for two years.

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New Hampshire Horseshoe Notes

Horseshoe interest in New Hampshire is growing steadily and is expected to 'crest' as the world tournament approaches.

Center of interest, of course, is Keene as a result of their successful bid for the 1965 world tourney.

Twenty-four excellent courts in beautiful Wheelock Park attest to the hard work and cooperation of the local horseshoe club and city officials.

This initial world tourney in the east will be conducted in a setting of Spruce Green, White Birch, Mountains, Lakes, Rock Walls and nostalgic towns which surround the friendly, bustling and very typically New England city of Keene.

The local courts are always available and visitors are urged to contact the affable, energetic secretary of the Keene horseshoe club, Darrell Flagg, 32 Victoria St., Keene, N. H.

Other major New Hampshire horseshoe interest is centered in Nashua and Manchester. Dover, Portsmouth, Pembroke, Woodsville, Berlin, Derry & Chesterfield are other areas that contribute to the awakening interest in horseshoes.

Nashua, N. H. has twelve new courts located north of the city, in Greeley park. Norman Durand, club president, reports that last years record state tournament has sparked interest in an additional eight courts in 1965. Ralph Noke, 60B Temple St., Nashua, N. H., the club secretary, extends a welcome to all horseshoe enthusiasts.

Manchester, N. H. boasts twenty newly completed courts at Wolfe park. An outgrowth of the city doubles league, the courts were constructed by the parks and recreation dept. in conjunction with the local league.

Manchester, N. H. will sponsor both the New Hampshire state and the New England tournaments on their new courts in 1965.

"Shorty Caver," state president and local club secretary has sparked the resurgence of horseshoes in the Manchester area. For state or local horseshoe information, "Shorty" is at home at 76 Brown Ave., Manchester, N. H.

Harry Spain, 59 Plummer St., Manchester, N. H. announces that a world tourney "warm up" will be scheduled for the weekend prior to the "world's." As tourney director, Harry will announce tourney details in future issues of the "digest." As Manchester is a beautiful fifty mile ride over fine roads from Keene, this should prove attractive to many world tourney aspirants.

Residents of Keene, N. H. and Granite Staters, in general, extend an enthusiastic welcome to all "horseshoers" and their families

Every effort will be expended toward the hope that our guests will return home with a warm and wonderful memory of summertime in New England.

New Hampshire Calendar for 1965 includes:

- June 27 — Manchester City (Closed).
- July 18 — Keene City (Open).
- July 31 & Aug. 1 — World Tourney, "Warm up," Manchester, N. H.
- July 31 — August 10 — World Tourney, Keene, N. H.
- Aug. 15 — N. H. State, Manchester, N. H.
- Aug. 29 — Nashua City (Closed).
- Sept. 5 & 6 — New England (Closed) Manchester, N. H.

Bradenton, Florida Has Unique Club

Bradenton, Fla. has one of the most unique and successful clubs in the country.

The club has many unusual features and some handicaps not found in other clubs, but it has overcome its handicaps and capitalized on its assets to function as a horseshoe club should by providing pleasure, physical recreation, good fellowship and competition for its members. At the same time it cooperates fully with the NHPA and profits by that association.

The club's ten clay courts are located at Bradenton Trailer Park on the grounds of the Kiwanis Club Recreation Park. This is astride the Tamiami Trail, Florida's busiest highway, and the real estate occupied by the courts has a fabulous financial value.

A small clubhouse is located at courtside. One handicap is very little space outside the fence. The courts are entirely hard surfaced and equipped with blue clay originally brought from Michigan. Only a couple of courts are lighted.

Each court is equipped with a billiard hall type of scoring device consisting of washers strung on a wire at one end, an idea which might well be copied by other clubs.

The club has approximately 60 members. Most of them are retired mid-western or eastern players, some of whom live in Florida permanently and others who spend the winter months in the Sunshine State. The members come from about 12 different states.

Although the club is handicapped by the lack of native Floridians and younger players on its roster, it does possess compensating assets. The membership is exceptionally cooperative. They are all workers for the benefit of the club. There is never a lack of scorekeepers, groundskeepers or someone to do the odd jobs that need doing. The officers are all capable and experienced. Petty jealousy and carping is non-existent.

Ray Middleton of Michigan started the club on its way a number of years ago and guided it until his death. He was succeeded by Charlie Stephens who carried on in a capable and dedicated manner until his death a little more than a year ago. At the present time Merritt Bruce of Illinois handles the club's affairs. He has plenty of capable help from the likes of Clyde Green of Indiana, Jack Ellis of Florida and Horace Kemp and many others.

The club conducts three weekly leagues during the winter months, two of which use cancellation scoring while the other uses count all. Each month a pot luck dinner is held for the members and their families. The attendance usually runs around 100 at these social get-togethers.

The outstanding event of each season is the annual Sun Coast Open conducted by the club on its courts. This tournament usually attracts a strong field of players from as many as 16 states. This is a sanctioned NHPA event. The club also helps in conducting other tournaments in the area including the annual Manatee County Fair competition.

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COVER PICTURE . . . This month it is THE REAL PITCH comprehensive data on the science of horseshoe pitching is now available at the Middlesex, New Jersey Public Library. Hal Hanania, president of the Middlesex, N. J. club is shown presenting a copy of "The Story of Horseshoes" as a gift of the club to the president of the library, Mr. William Howes.

Manatee County Crowns New Champion

Waldo Hagy from Las Vegas wins first place in the fourth annual Manatee County Fair Open Tournament, Palmetto, Florida.

Our tourney is growing larger and better. The lions share of the credit goes to Clyde Green (Ind.) tourney manager. Forty players from eleven states

The Manatee County fair is held the last full week in January. We plan to have our Sun Coast Open here at Bradenton next year the first week in February, so with a two weeks vacation you can make both tournaments. Be seeing you.

CLASS A

	W	L	%
W. Hagy, Nevada	6	1	60.6
W. Hoover, Florida	6	1	62.3
J. Rademacher, Fla. ..	6	1	61.8
J. Davis, Florida	3	4	57.1
W. Horner, Ind.	3	4	54.8
G. Dilgard, Ohio	2	5	55.8
J. Clingan, Penna.	2	5	46.3
H. Gross, Mich.	0	7	38.5

3 way tie for first, Hagy 1st; Hoover, 2nd; Rademacher, 3rd.

CLASS B

	W	L	%
S. Brozovich, Mich. ..	6	1	52.2
J. Hightower, Ill.	5	2	53.6
R. Lavalleur, Colo.	4	3	53.8
D. Hallock, Mich.	4	3	47.0
J. Ellis, Florida	4	3	47.5
J. Kelly, Florida	4	3	50.0
Wm. Packard, Fla.	1	6	42.0
J. Wilkinson, Ohio ...	0	7	31.5

4 way tie for 3rd place, Lavalleur, 3rd; Hallock, 4th; Ellis, 5th; Kelly, 6th.

CLASS C

	W	L	%
R. Hummell, Penna. ..	6	1	51.9
L. Peary, Florida	5	2	48.1
C. Lundgren, Mich.	4	3	47.4
W. Hubbard, Mont.	3	4	46.6
A. Hodgman, Mich.	3	4	43.3
Wm. Figy, Michigan ..	3	4	40.4
R. Gravink, N. Y.	2	5	41.0
R. McClure, Ohio	2	5	40.5

CLASS D

	W	L	%
H. Spiess, Florida	7	0	43.5
H. Kemp, Florida	6	1	40.7
R. Hitchcock, Ohio ...	5	2	41.7
H. Wells, Indiana	3	4	38.0
T. Summers, Penna. ..	3	4	28.5
J. Thonert, Florida	2	5	31.6
G. Burkland, N. Y.	2	5	26.5
R. Phillabaum, Ohio ...	0	7	23.4

CLASS E

	W	L	%		W	L	%
H. Garman, Ind.	7	0	33.8	H. Gampher, Ohio	3	4	28.1
J. Pope, Florida	6	1	32.6	A. Berdan, Mich.	2	5	25.4
B. Mulhern, Iowa	4	3	34.9	R. Reidenbaugh, Ohio	2	5	24.6
S. D. Rogers, Mich.	3	4	29.1	H. Porter, Florida	1	6	20.6

Ray Ploof, Erie Ringerman, Bowls an 814 Series

Ray Ploof of Erie, Pennsylvania, formerly of the Pittsburgh area and a member of the Erie Horseshoe club recently made bowling history when he put a 3-game series together for a grand total of 814 pins. He hammered out games of 267, 268 and missed a 300 game when he "tapped" the ten pin in the last game finishing up with a game of 279. His big series made him the fourth highest in the United States as of January 8. Ray played in the Erie League for the first time during the 1964 season. Congratulations on a fine series.

Los Gatos (Calif.) Club Plans A Live "65"

Los Gatos, a member of the Northern California Horseshoe Pitcher's Association, has finalized plans for a fast start in 1965. Inter-club 6-man round-robins, to be played in 2-month sessions, will begin March 15th. The round-robins will be set up by ringer percentages and 100-shoe qualification. Each 6-man league will be realigned every 2 months according to current ringer percentages to ensure evenly matched competition.

The second annual Los Gatos open will be held June 12-13 on the Club's nine clay courts in Oak Meadow Park. The tourney will be held in conjunction with the Los Gatos Lions Club annual steak barbeque.

Los Gatos Club member, Stan MacCarty, has formulated plans for Northern California team leagues in 3 divisions during 1965. At present, home-and-home matches are scheduled every other weekend during the season, except when major Northern California team leagues in 3 divisions during 1965. At present, home-and-home matches are scheduled every other weekend during the season, except when major Northern California tournaments are scheduled.

The Club made giant strides in 1964; membership increased to 46, and participation in Northern California Ass'n activities was expanded over 1963.

Highlights of the 1964 season included: A free movie to kick off the activities; our successful first annual Los Gatos Open; a feature story about our club in the Los Gatos Times; Connie Henderson's consistent high percentage pitching in Class A competition; Mike Sanitate and Joe Sadowski winning Northern California Class B and D tournaments, respectively; our hotly-contested spring tournament and Club Championship tournament; the birth of our club newspaper — The Ringer; the Los Gatos Northern B tourney; the winning effort in team play against the tough Oakland Mosswood club, and the appreciation dinner to ring down the season November 7.

The free movie "1962 World Horseshoe Pitching Championship" was shown April 10 and over 70 horseshoe enthusiasts were present. Don Titcomb, 1960 World Champion, entertained with a pitching exhibition and we signed up eight new members.

Our first annual open, June 13-14, held in conjunction with the Los Gatos Lions Club annual barbeque, was a roaring success. An extensive publicity campaign plus hard work by all were the factors in the success. Tournament Director was Verdan Zelmar with Walt Friesen coordinating the tournament. His chairmen were Joe Sadowski, Don Koester, Bob Swenson and Richard Gilbert. Bob Garcia did a fine selling job on the raffle of horseshoes. Over \$200 in cash was awarded to the 16 qualifiers. Two trophies, donated by Los Gatos Lions Club, were presented to first and second place winners. Bill Blexrude, 1963 California State champ, defeated Les Anderson in a playoff for first place.

In Northern California Class A competition, Connie Henderson qualified for every A tourney and finished with excellent ringer percentages. He came within one point of winning the Northern Class A championship on Labor Day weekend at Mosswood when he lost to Earl Davis of Oakland Mosswood 49-50, and was forced into a playoff with Bill Fraser of Golden Gate Club (1964 California State Champion). Bill won that game and Connie had to settle for second.

In Class B competition, Mike Sanitate brought home our first Northern championship when he defeated teammate Tal Turner 51-45 at Pleasanton July 11. Bud Tryon qualified at 78% and finished fifth. Joe Sadowski won 7 of 8 games to capture the Northern D at Mosswood, August 16.

Connie Henderson won the 1964 Club Championship on Oct. 4 with 68.5% with Stan MacCarty second with 70.9% followed by Verdan Zelmar, 59.4; Bud Tryon, 53.5; Willard Lampkin, 51.9; Mike Sanitate, 53.7; Boyd Walker, 49.0; and Richard Gilbert, 33.4. Floyd Holt won the 1964 Club B title by defeating Joe Sadowski in a playoff. Sam Ambler took the Club C championship.

In August, the first issue of the club publication "The Ringer" went to press and has been an important contribution to our club.

Newly elected officers for 1965 are: President, Cal Childress; 1st V. Pres., Stan MacCarty; 2nd V. Pres., Richard Gilbert; Secretary, Joe Sadowski; Treasurer, Kenn Ambler; Publicity Director, Verdan Zelmar.

Indiana — Ohio Open At Muncie, Heekin Park

CLASS A			CLASS B				
W	L	%	W	L	%		
Curt Day, Ind.	13	0	87.2	J. Knisley, Ohio	11	2	62.8
Harold Reno, Ohio	12	1	85.4	M. Kalb, Ohio	9	4	65.5
Paul Focht, Ohio	10	3	82.0	B. Boyer, Ind.	8	5	64.9
Glen Riffle, Ohio	9	4	71.5	G. Mendenhall, Ind. ..	8	5	63.4
G. McFtridge, Ind. ..	8	5	75.1	S. Manker, Ohio	7	6	64.1
Floyd Fowler, Ind.	7	6	77.9	D. Salsbery, Ind.	7	6	63.8
Bob May, Ind.	7	6	77.0	G. Grubb, Ind.	7	6	63.2
R. Carpenter, Ind.	5	8	75.4	Bob Rambo, Ind.	7	6	60.5
Chet Riel, Ind.	5	8	71.2	Paul Hilton, Ohio	6	7	58.1
M. Craig, Ind.	4	9	74.0	H. Holland, Ind.	5	8	59.2
J. H. Johnson, Ohio	3	10	74.3	E. Parshall, Ind.	5	8	57.7
H. Walker, Ind.	3	10	71.8	M. Broughton, Ohio	4	9	59.7
H. Sibert, Ohio	3	10	71.3	John Reno, Ohio	4	9	53.4
E. Van Natter, Ind.	2	11	67.4	L. Mullins, Ind.	3	10	54.0

CLASS C			CLASS D				
W	L	%	W	L	%		
H. Anthony, Ohio	7	0	67.3	H. McPhearson, Ky. ..	5	2	58.0
O. Hollandbeck, Ind. ..	6	1	62.0	K. Demaree, Ind.	5	2	57.2
M. Chrisman, Ind.	4	3	57.8	C. Sisson, Ind.	5	2	52.6
E. Custer, Ohio	3	4	56.5	C. McCammon, Ind. ..	4	3	59.1
Roy Miller, Ohio	3	4	54.0	R. Greenway, Ind.	4	3	52.7
Fred Collins, Ohio	3	4	51.8	G. Byrge, Ind.	2	5	55.9
W. Wilhoite, Ind.	1	6	51.9	V. Huffman, Ind.	2	5	49.8
K. Day, Indiana	1	6	48.6	Ray Wood, Ind.	1	6	48.1

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Indiana — Ohio — (Continued)**CLASS E**

	W	L	%
H. McFatridge, Ind. ..	6	1	55.5
P. VanSickle, Ind.	5	2	52.3
J. Shuck, Ind.	4	3	52.3
R. Rung, Ohio	4	3	47.9
V. Robinson, Ind.	3	4	47.5
Ed Stein, Ohio	3	4	47.3
L. Overhalser, Ind.	2	5	45.2
A. Skinner, Ind.	1	6	35.1

CLASS G

	W	L	%
F. Campbell, Ind.	6	1	42.2
O. Crider, Ohio	5	2	45.8
W. Kelsey, Ind.	5	2	41.5
R. Schaubhut, Ind.	4	3	44.6
E. Burns, Ohio	4	3	43.7
Roy McClure, Ohio	3	4	38.3
B. Bourne, Ind.	1	6	33.8
R. McLinn, Ind.	0	7	32.1

CLASS I

	W	L	%
J. Coopes, Ohio	5	0	44.7
Roy Honeyman, Ohio ..	4	1	43.0
K. Holloway, Ind.	3	2	35.7
John Hammonds, Ind. ..	2	3	33.3
Donald Hoff, Ohio	1	4	33.6
S. Surridge, Mich.	0	5	25.0

LADIES

	W	L	%
D. Crawley, Ind.	3	0	72.0
B. Seibold, Ind.	2	1	57.3
Bonita Seibold, Ind. ..	1	2	12.3
T. Hoffert, Ohio	0	3	10.4

CLASS F

	W	L	%
G. Mendenhall, Ind.	7	0	59.7
W. Seibold, Ind.	6	1	52.5
C. Nelson, Ind.	5	2	45.8
Ray Wilson, Ohio	3	4	50.2
S. Kalb, Ohio	3	4	49.8
L. Bollinger, Ind.	2	5	42.1
H. Hollandbeck, Ind. ..	2	5	39.0
R. Nelson, Ind.	0	7	35.4

CLASS H

	W	L	%
F. Karacia, Ohio	4	1	47.7
R. Coors, Ohio	4	1	46.7
C. Nelson, Ind.	3	2	46.5
E. Edwards, Ind.	3	2	41.1
J. McCombs, Ohio	1	4	21.9
S. Bourne, Ind.	0	5	31.9
Karacio over Coors 51 to 37 in pitch-off for 1st.			

JUNIOR 40 FT.

	W	L	%
F. Elliott, Ind.	1	1	35.7
M. Kalb, Ohio	1	1	43.9
R. Shuck, Ind.	1	1	32.5

BOYS 30 FT.

	W	L	%
Group 1			
P. Seibold, Ind.	2	0	38.8
W. Holland, Ind.	1	1	34.0
R. Coors, Ohio	0	2	13.5

Group 2

	W	L	%
D. Riffle, Ohio	3	0	47.7
D. Holland, Ind.	2	1	39.6
M. Seibold, Ind.	1	2	33.3
D. Lykins, Ind.	0	3	34.7

N.H.P.A. Championship Insignias

1965 NHPA Championship shoulder insignias will again be awarded to the winners of all classes in sanctioned NHPA events.

These awards can be obtained after a tournament is played or in advance for presentation at the tournament itself.

Applications must be made by State Secretaries through our NHPA Vice President, Lucille Hopkins who is in charge of these awards. A letter from a State Secretary listing the name, date and location of the tournament and the number of classes played or expected to be contested is all that is necessary. The letter will serve both as a request and as a certification that the tournament is officially sanctioned.

A sanctioned tournament is one in which all players are NHPA members. Tournaments in which the top classes only require NHPA membership can be sanctioned and receive insignias for those classes.

Bob Toney Winner of Lynchburg, Va. First Indoor Tournament

"For the very first time in the history of horseshoe pitching in Lynchburg, Virginia, local enthusiasts held an indoor horseshoe pitching tournament on Sunday, February 7, using the Dixon Portable Horseshoe Courts which the Hill City Horseshoe Pitchers Club recently purchased and set up in the library building at Miller Park. Even though our pitchers lack experience on this type court, the general comments were favorable and the opinion here is that with experience, they would enjoy this type of pitching very much, and that it should be of great help to them as they prepare for the outdoor pitching tournaments this summer.

Seven of Lynchburg's top pitchers competed in two groups. Robert Toney, the club's president, pitched steady horseshoes both in the eliminating round as well as the finals, sweeping 6 straight and becoming the winner of the tournament. His average for the day's play was 65.6%. Fred Childress edged Tommy Ballowe 50-48 in the last game of the final round, to create a three-way tie for second place. This game went 88 shoes with both pitchers averaging 56.8%. In the resulting play-off, James Bullion eliminated Childress 50-25 and went on to beat Ballowe 51-44 for second place. Trophies were awarded Toney and Bullion."

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Robt. Toney	3	0	172	117	68.0
Fred Childress	2	1	204	120	58.8
Rodney Perdue	1	2	208	116	55.8
Robt. Ragland	0	3	188	94	50.0

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
James Bullion	2	0	112	73	65.2
Thomas Ballowe	1	1	114	71	62.3
Jack Tyner	0	2	78	20	25.6

SUMMARY — ALL GAMES

	W	L	R	SP	%
R. Toney	6	0	334	219	65.6
J. Bullion	5	2	442	261	59.0
T. Ballowe	3	3	418	232	55.5
F. Childress	3	4	484	263	54.3

We would like to say that this was a very successful activity. The portable courts work out just fine and the pitchers tell us that the laminated dead soft rubber material gives the same result as the clay used in our outdoor courts. They believe this pitching is going to be of immeasurable help to them since there is no wind or other weather conditions to be reckoned with and since they know that their pitching must be very accurate.

For a long time we have been trying to find some way that our horseshoe enthusiasts could have an opportunity to pitch during winter, and we believe we have the answer here in these portable courts. At first we found it difficult to find a suitable place to put these in and even now we have only enough space for one court which limits our activity to a great extent. However, we hope at some future time to have more adequate space and if interest keeps up, to install a second court.

In the meantime, we recommend to any pitching groups, the use of such portable courts as a means of keeping in practice during bad weather and making this a year-round recreational activity.

Eastern National Tournament To Be Held at Washington, Pa. June 18-19-20

The Eastern National Horseshoe Tournament will be held near Washington, Pa. at "Scotty's Store" located approximately 2 miles south on route 18 from the business section of Washington. The owner has installed eight perfectly level lighted courts. For promotional aspects, he has also installed a ladies court. Washington has an abundance of facilities for the pitcher and his family. Tourist homes, motels, and hotels are generously located throughout this historic town. Excellent dining facilities are also available in and around Washington. Of particular interest, the proprietor that has constructed the horseshoe courts has a small restaurant adjacent to the courts (no alcoholic beverages) such that small lunches and rest rooms are readily available.

QUALIFYING

Qualifying will be conducted on site all day Friday, June 25 until 11:00 A. M., June 26. To qualify, 100 shoes will be thrown. A maximum of two attempts will be allowed. The fee for the first attempt will be \$6.00 and \$4.00 for the second. Since there are only eight courts, it may be necessary to qualify 2 men at a time on each court.

TOURNAMENT

Class A — 16 man round robin.
 Class B — 16 men (two groups of 8 men).
 Class C — 6 men
 Class D — 6 men

 44 (total men)

TIME SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 26

Afternoon: Class A, 1:00 - 6:00, 8 games - 8 courts.
 Evening: Class B, 6:00 - 10:00, 7 games - 2 groups - 8 courts

Sunday, June 27

Morning: Class B Playoff, 9:00 - 12:00, 2 games - 2 courts.
 Class C, 9:00 - 12:00, 5 games - 3 courts.
 Class D, 9:00 - 12:00, 5 games - 3 courts.
 Afternoon: Class A, 12:00 to finish, 7 games - 8 courts.

PRIZE LIST

Trophies and cash will be awarded to the top four in Class A, cash to next 12 in Class A. Trophies and cash awarded to top 2 in Class B and cash to 3rd and fourth. Cash awards will be given in Classes C and D if available.

Class A		Class B	
First	\$80.00	Ninth	\$13.00
Second	65.00	Tenth	12.00
Third	45.00	Eleventh	11.00
Fourth	35.00	Twelfth	10.00
Fifth	25.00	Thirteenth	9.00
Sixth	20.00	Fourteenth	8.00
Seventh	15.00	Fifteenth	7.00
Eighth	14.00	Sixteenth	6.00
First		First	\$20.00
		Second	15.00
		Third	10.00
		Fourth	6.00

From Here and There

All ladies in Iowa who are interested in pitching in a Ladies' class in 1965 should send their names to Mrs. Lucille Hopkins, 912 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Iowa, so that plans can be made for a schedule for the various Iowa meets, including the Iowa state tournament at Des Moines.

New Mexico Association Notes

The Albuquerque league will start in April with approximately forty players.

We plan to make a few portable courts that can be used throughout the state in forming some clubs where they have shown some interest. Parker Burns, former president of the Albuquerque club will take the leadership in this.

June 5-6Los Altos Park, Albuquerque
 June 20Rio Grande, Belen
 July 4Moriarity, Moriarity
 August 28-29New Mexico State, Los Altos, Albuquerque
 September 11-12Valencia County, Fair Grounds, Belen

The village of Moriarity has combined horseshoe pitching in their high school activities. Their club is headed by Marion Henson.

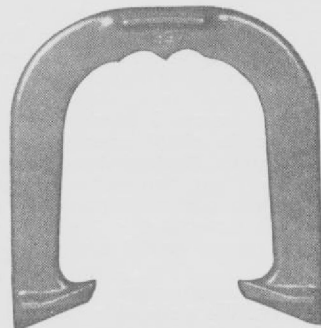
It is our hope that we can help Santa Fe get a good start this summer.

Quite a few juniors have shown an interest and we plan to have a tournament for them this summer. We have had inquiries by several ladies also. We hope this materializes.

Vicki Winston Winner of Sedalia Women's Bowling Meet

While bowling in the Sedalia, Missouri City Women's Bowling tournament on February 14, 1965, Vicki Winston, former world's lady champion horseshoe pitcher, won the City championship with a 3-game series of 188, 180 and 226 for a scratch count of 594 to which a 72 pin handicap was added making her the winner in a field of 200 entries. Congratulations for a fine series.

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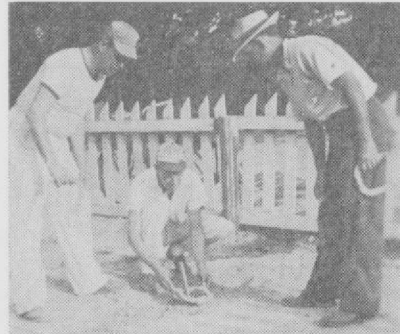
By ERNIE DANIELSON, Burlington, Iowa

I started pitching horseshoe when I was fourteen years old, while I lived in Macomb, Illinois. I pitched 30 feet at that time and learned to pitch, using shoes from off of horses. I pitched these for three years or until 1920 when I acquired a pair of "Ohio" shoes. I got started playing as a result of the neighborhood kids, who would all gather at my house to play the usual childhood games. Growing tired of these games, we took to playing horseshoe.

At that time we played 11 point games. Ringers would count five points; close shoes one point; leaners counted 3 points. The player who made a ringer, topping his opponent would count all points, such as 10 points for topping ringer. It was unlikely that any of us would make over 1 ringer out of 20 shoes. The pegs would vary anywhere from 4 inches in height, to 12 inches.

One day I got to thinking, why not try to make the shoe land open to the peg. On gripping the shoe at the toe, I soon was able to make it slide into the peg, open. Because we played on hard ground, I was able to do this. It was not too long before each player had his own style of pitching. The game was gaining popularity by leaps and bounds by 1920, at which time the forty-foot pitching distance became standard. Because of this change, I had to change my style of grip. By gripping the shoe back of the toe, I discovered that I could pitch the shoe so that it would turn once and three-quarters around and be in an open position. We also began using clay for our pitching boxes, which prevented us from sliding the shoe into the peg. There was one fellow named Alex Campbell who gripped his shoe along the side and made it turn once around. Everyone laughed at this pitch, but he tossed a lot of double ringers.

About that time, I met Mr. E. R. Baker, a newcomer to our community who had just moved up from Arkansas. As he lived just across the road from



E. Danielson, left, C. Knowls, center
E. R. Baker, right. (1937 photo).

me we soon began to play horseshoe every night on my court, generally five or six games each night. "Bake," as he was known, was a real good pitcher until he would get into tournament competition at which time he would seem to "blow up." That also was my problem but I am a lot more "seasoned" now and do not get excited as easily. I have my good and bad days just as in any other sport. Over the years, I think that "Bake" and I broke about even in our home court games. During these after work sessions, I can remember my mother calling me several times for supper to which I would say, "only one more game" which would always be 3 or 4 more.

The game continued to gain in popularity and soon teams were organized in surrounding towns, playing three times a week. We were able to have scorekeepers, as there was quite a large following. At the end of each meet, the top ringer man of each team played a 50 point game to finish off the evening. As there were not many open tournaments, there being only the county and state meets, a keen rivalry soon arose between the north and south parts of our town (Macomb, Illinois), it now being the year 1924. As I had 2 courts in my yard, we would meet every Saturday or Sunday afternoon to play a match.

During the past seven years I have taken over 1500 feet of movies in the various tournaments that I have attended. I have many photographs, some taken with the News Digest editor, also a photo taken at the Rock Island "Mid-West" Open tournament in 1936 when I was the winner. I have one of the late Chester Hefner of East Peoria, Illinois taken in 1937 when he was the champion. I remember Clem Devaney was the director of that great tournament. Dean Campbell was the secretary of the Rock Island club. Mr. Lawrence

Reminiscing — (Continued)

Paridon was the man who done a lot of leg work for the Rock Island club in getting all the merchandise prizes together for that annual Labor Day event. Through his efforts a huge 60 foot table was always loaded down with various prizes. Mr. Paridon operated a grocery store opposite the courts in Longview park. Many of the older pitchers will remember this congenial gentleman and supporter of the game in Rock Island. I can remember one year we loaded about 10 fellows in my truck and went to Rock Island and we had no sooner arrived, when Mr. Paridon said, "There's that bunch from Macomb." We always received a hearty welcome there. The year of 1952 marked the end of the Rock Island event.

I have pitched a tremendous number of shoes and it may sound funny, but I have kept a record of my shoes pitched, games played, total pounds of weight thrown and all other items having to do with horseshoe pitching during my 44 year career. Over the years I have pitched an average of 30 games per week or 120 games per month for five months or 26,400 games, which averaging 50 shoes to the game would be 1,320,000 shoes, totalling 2,706,000 pounds or 1353 tons. That amount of steel would fill 27 railroad cars at 50 tons per car. That is quite a pile of steel. It sounds fantastic.

I have played against pitchers using all sorts of pitching styles, but it is my opinion that the one and three-quarter turn is the best, (no reflection on the others) I do not think it tires a player as quickly, and is easier to handle. It probably is the way one gets started as I know many players that can use one as well as the other.

Although I lived on a farm and was kept pretty busy, I was never to busy to get in a practice session after the chores were done. It was then in 1936 that many of my friends urged me to go to the Illinois state tournament at the Illinois state fair at Springfield, Illinois. I finally decided to do just that and I continued to go for the next 16 years, at which time I moved to Burlington, Iowa where I now live. I never placed above eighth place in that tournament but I had a lot of fun and met many fine pitchers, among them the editor of this magazine, who is plenty tough on the horseshoe court. All of those Illinois pitchers were.

I have scoresheets in my scrap-book of some of those games. One game stands out above the rest and that was one against Chet Hefner in the Class A division at Rock Island. We had played what seemed to be an hour when Chet said to me, "Ernie, when are you going to let up," to which I replied, "I was thinking the same thing about you." He was not to be denied, however, as he beat me 50 to 48. In his last inning he threw only a double ringer, while I threw on two ringers but one came off causing me to lose the game. Chet went on to win the championship.

I have helped build many courts and I find that yellow clay mixed with blue clay proves to be a very fine combination. However, I think that clay courts will someday be a thing of the past. Dale Dixon of Des Moines, Iowa has already come up with a rubber-based court that is working very well. We in Burlington have been experimenting along the same lines. We are also working on a new scoring method. I think that the time is approaching that scoring in horseshoe must be raised to the same level as other sports. I refer to the cancellation method of scoring. There isn't another sport that takes away the score that you make.

Much to my regret, I have only attended four World tournaments and have been successful in qualifying for the 1961 event, playing in Class B and finishing in third place, at Muncie, Indiana. The qualifying round was always my downfall prior to that year. I have played in 10 states and have held an NHPA card since 1936. My yearly mileage adds up to 120,000 miles. In 1961 I played in 15 tournaments and traveled 10,000 miles. I have also played in the Iowa state tournament for the past 12 years. During the early years of my pitching career there were not too many trophies awarded, so as a result I have only 12, however, I received many merchandise prizes together with cash awards. It has been my pleasure to play against one world champion, Harold Reno, when he played in the Corn Belt Open tournament, also Casey Jones, Curt Day and other top notch pitchers. I would enjoy greatly reading about other players and their pitching activities through the years.



SPOTLIGHT

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Local Clubs

As announced in the February issue the "Digest" will emphasize news of local clubs during the year. We hope to eventually receive news items from every local club and group in the country.

Send news of your club to the "Digest" editor, Ellis Cobb, 1307 Solifisburg Avenue, Aurora, Ill.

Lafayette, Ind., Horseshoe Club will hold a Joe Schilling Memorial Open tournament May 29-30. The late Joe Schilling helped reorganize the Lafayette Club a few years ago and his efforts turned it into a successful local organization. He also was active in the Indiana State and NHPA.

The Lafayette courts are located on private property at the home of George Kingma on state road 38 at the eastern edge of the city. Lafayette Club officers are President Thomas Kingma, Secretary George Kingma and Treasurer William Turner.

Rapid City, South Dakota, must have a fine group of players, although news of them never reaches the "Digest." The number of South Dakota NHPA members from Rapid City would indicate considerable interest there.

Columbia City, Ind., one of the new groups in the Hoosier state, has seven fine courts located at the high school. A weekly league played last year and plans are being made for a bigger one this summer. Each year during the annual event of "Old Settler's Day," a horseshoe tournament is held. Last year's tourney was won by Del Wright, now an NHPA member.

This "Old Settler's Day" Tournament was the first horseshoe contest ever witnessed by National Secretary Bob Pence back in 1924. The same event in 1926 was the first tournament he ever entered and the 1927 tourney was the first he ever won.

Scottsburg, Ind., reports that they have four fine indoor courts with considerable activity. NHPA member Howard Wells heads the group. He is also a member of the Bradenton, Fla. Club during the winter months.

Darke County, Ohio, Horseshoe Pitchers' Association at Greenville has indoor courts at the county fairgrounds to go along with the 18 court layout in City Park where the 1962 and 1964 World Tournaments were held.

Dimondale, Mich., players are formally organizing into a club. This is one of the newer groups in the Wolverine state. Pat Smith is Publicity Secretary of the Wolverine State Association.

Crete, Nebraska has contracted "horseshoe fever." Crete is a small town of 3500 and about 30 miles southwest of Lincoln. They have built 12 new courts complete with cement pitching platforms, equipped with good lights and an all-weather surface between the courts. This battery of courts is located in the local park in Crete. The 1965 Nebraska state tournament will be held there on September 4th and 5th. Don Koso, NHPA West Central Regional Director, at the invitation of Elmer Grage attended a dinner meeting in January and showed the club members the 1962 World tournament movies. Following the film he gave a short talk on horseshoes in general including NHPA membership and state association membership. The local city firemen have offered to make scorestands for all 12 courts. Officers elected for the coming season are as follows: Elmer Grage, president; Otto Applebeck, Vice-president and Glenn Park, secretary-treasurer.

Middlesex, N. J. Club Presents "Story of Horseshoes" To Public Library

The book, "The Story of Horseshoes" by Ottie W. Reno was presented to the Middlesex, N. J. Public Library, by the Middlesex Horseshoe club. Mr. Hal Hanania, president of the club made the presentation.

Mr. Hanania expressed the club's wish to interest more people in horseshoe pitching. Through this medium both the beginner and experienced enthusiast will appreciate a more comprehensive view on the game.

Other officers in addition to Hanania are Harold Jahnke and Ben Oliver, vice-president; and Thomas Czado, secretary-treasurer.

Bill Kolb Joins Forces With Middlesex, N. J. Club

"Bill," as he is affectionately known, who lives some thirty miles from Middlesex, joined the club on February 9th at a meeting at the home of Club President, Hal Hanania.

Among "Bill's" future plans, re-capturing his state title, which he lost this past year to Walter Haring of Middleville, New Jersey, ranks number one.

"Bill" is also planning to move his home and family to the Middlesex area to be closer to the new friends he has made in the club.

The Middlesex Horseshoe Club feels very complimented by Bill's membership and the reason he gave — "wanting to be a part of the nice group of men which make up this club and also to be able to offer my help to the success of the club."

Bill's membership has given our new club a great lift and we look to the future with even greater anticipation.

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Jim Solomon, Penn State Champ, Cops Ohio Indoor Meet Penn State Team Edges Youngstown Team 14-13

On Nov. 15th, Our club had a few fellows over to our club for round robin play, listed below are the results. Jim Solomon, 1964 Penna champ, had a 91.5% game against Carl Elder from New Wilmington, Pa., which was the high % game for the afternoon. J. Solomon's only loss was to Harold Tuttle, (1964) Sr. World Champ, 50 to 29. Al Zadroga had high % average for the meet 80.7%.

On Jan. 31st our club played 6 men from New Brighton, Pa. The Penna Boy's won 14 games to 13. The high % game was thrown by Harold Tuttle against Frank Paluso. Tuttle had 92.1% hitting 35 out of 38 and was undefeated for the afternoon.

The matches were played on the Youngstown Club's inside courts located at 3202 Youngstown, Hubbard Rd. on Routes 7 and 62 located between Youngstown, Ohio and Hubbard, Ohio in case any of our N.H.P.A. card holders are interested and would want to visit us they are welcome. We have 3 courts.

	W	L	R	SP	%
Solomon	4	1	292	374	78.1
Tuttle	3	1	174	236	73.7
Zadroga	4	2	371	460	80.7
Ohler	3	2	282	366	77.0
Elder	0	4	125	208	60.1
Cooley	0	3	81	146	55.5
Gilmore	0	2	61	126	48.4
Naples	0	1	26	64	40.6

NEW BRIGHTON

	W	L	%
Brobeck	3	2	60.6
Peluso	3	2	59.4
Rainbow	3	3	53.8
Smith	2	2	53.1
Ellis	2	3	50.0
Wilson	1	1	50.0
Totals	14	13	55.5

YOUNGSTOWN

	W	L	%
Tuttle	5	0	78.6
Curtis	3	2	56.0
Bruce	2	3	58.5
Elder	1	3	54.9
Sis	1	3	47.8
Winsper	1	3	42.9
Totals	13	14	56.8

From Here And There

Harold Walker, Route #1, Pennville, Ind. underwent major surgery the first of the year and will be on the shelf until sometime in April. He would appreciate cards from his many friends throughout the NHPA.

Harold was the organizer of the Pennville Club two years ago. Last summer he was one of the six finalists in the Class "B" playoff at the World Tournament in Greenville.

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Elmer Beller, NHPA Vice President and one of the best known NHPA members in the entire country, has a new address. Any correspondence should now be addressed to 9725 Palm Street, Bellflower, Calif.

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Alex Klunick reports the formation of a new horseshoe club and league in Decatur, Ill.

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Mrs. Lucille Hopkins of Ottumwa, Iowa, who has charge of all NHPA sanctions and Championship insignias, requests that all state secretaries send in their lists of sanctioned tournaments for 1965 as soon as they are completed as to dates. Also all secretaries who have not sent in for any championship insignias that are due them for the past year of 1964 should do so immediately.

Baldwin Park — Southern California

GROUP ONE

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Week, Norwalk	4	1	199	284	70.1
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk	4	1	193	288	67.0
Ed McFarland, Los Angeles	4	1	209	312	66.9
Gunnar Hansen, Baldwin Park	2	3	195	326	59.8
Wally Shipley, W. Covina	1	4	167	304	54.9
Don Shubert, Los Angeles	0	5	162	296	54.7

GROUP TWO

	W	L	R	SP	%
Gerald Schneider, Bell	4	1	266	350	77.5
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	4	1	248	354	70.1
Louie Dean, Pomona	3	2	232	334	69.4
Jonas Snyder, Chula Vista	3	2	212	318	66.6
Edgar Gruell, Inglewood	1	4	170	286	59.4
George Hughey, Baldwin Park	0	5	243	366	66.3

PLAYOFF

	W	L	R	SP	%
Jim Weeks, Norwalk	3	0	178	246	72.3
Henry Durr, Los Angeles	2	1	153	224	68.2
Gerald Schneider, Bell	1	2	184	250	73.6
Ronnie Simmons, Norwalk	0	3	159	236	67.3

COMING EVENTS

- March 20 — Open Class B tournament, Squires park courts, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- March 27 — Open Class A tournament, Squires park courts, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- April 17 — Georgia, NHPA Spring Open tournament, singles only, Sweetwater Inn courts, Austell, Georgia.
- May 1 — Open Class C tournament (34.9% and under) Squires park, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- May 8 — Sweetwater Open Doubles tournament, Sweetwater courts, Austell, Georgia.
- May 8 — Open Class B tournament, Squires park, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- May 29-30 — Joe Schilling Memorial Open, Kingma Courts, Lafayette, Indiana.
- June 5 — Cobb County championships, singles only, Sweetwater courts, Austell, Georgia.
- June 12-13 — Michigan Water Wonderland Open Tournament.
- July 3-4 — Greenville Ringer Classic, City Park Courts, Greenville, Ohio.
- July 4-5 — New York state tournament, Lockport, New York.
- July 11 — Annual 4-State tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska.
- July 31 - Aug. 10 — WORLD TOURNAMENT, Wheelock park courts, Keene, New Hampshire.
- August 15 — Galesburg Open tournament, Lincoln park courts, Galesburg, Illinois.
- August 15 — Falls City Open tournament, City park courts, Falls City, Nebraska.
- August 17-18 — Illinois state tournament, Illinois state fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- August 18 — Illinois state Boys' tournament, Illinois state fairgrounds, Springfield, Ill.
- Aug. 21-22 — Hobbs Open Tournament, Highland Park Courts, Kokomo, Ind.



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Keene, New Hampshire Club Busy Making 1965 World Tournament Arrangements

Although it's quite early to make plans for vacationers, it is none too early to start making vacation plans now if they include a trip to the 1965 World Tournament to be held at Keene, New Hampshire, July thru August 10.

The Keene club is working on special rates for tournament visitors wanting to see places of interest in a 30 mile radius of Keene. Keene is a city of 18,000 and it has been selected as a finalist in the All-America Small City contest this year. The winner will be announced in "Look" magazine, etc.

Following is a listing of motels, cottages, Guest Homes and Hotels convenient to the tournament site. Those planning on going to Keene are advised to make early reservations as there are several that are filled during the summer months, they are as follows: Palmer Lodge, Valley Green Motel, Winding Brook Lodge all in Keene. Swiss Motor Court, Tower Light Inn both in Spofford, N. H. Journey's End Resort and Riverside Motel both in West Chesterfield.

St. Joe, Missouri Club Announce Two Tournaments

With the promise of 12 new, hard-surfaced, lighted and fenced in courts at Noyes Field, 28th and Edmund Streets in St. Joseph, Missouri, plans have been completed to hold two open tournaments. Court construction scheduled to start on March 1.

The St. Joe Open will be held on June 27th, with the Midland Empire Open tournament being held on September 12. There will be 100 shoe qualifying with scores being mailed in to Ray Cavin, 1824 Holman Street, St. Joseph, Missouri, accompanied with an entry fee of \$3.00. There will not be any qualifying on the days of the tournaments. However, pitchers may qualify on the courts on the day before the tournaments. Round robin play will start promptly at 9 A.M. Central Standard Time on each tournament date. Providing the new courts are completed in time, Classes A, B and C will consist of 8-man classes and will start at 12:30 P.M. (weather permitting) 18 trophies will be awarded and possibly more, depending on the number of entries.

Wolverine State Association Holds Meeting

Sunday, January 31st saw the Wolverine State Horseshoe Pitchers Association officials congregate at the Dimondale Michigan Fire Barn. A very creditable representation from such areas as Muskegon, Detroit, Shepard, Battle Creek, Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids and Lansing.

Many important items were discussed, such as tournament schedules. Considerable sentiment appeared to favor playing alternate weekends, that is have a tournament on Saturday and Sunday one week end and entirely skip the following weekend. That gives the family every other weekend for their activities. Thusly Dimondale and Battle Creek could have an inter club get-together.

Considerable time was spent discussing tournament procedure. This involves round robin or elimination types of play. All seemed to prefer the round robin groups of 6, 8 or 12 pitchers to a group. They likewise kicked around percentage classification of pitchers so everyone would have a sufficient ringer percentage in 3 or 5 tournaments to qualify for the State Championship Competition.

Speaking of the State Championship, it will be held in Dimondale, Michigan over Labor Day Weekend. This will be September 4th, 5th and 6th.

We informed the State Association officials what our approximate facilities will consist of, such as court, lighting area, dining establishments, motels, camping and parking sites.

From Here and There

Sue Gillespie, World Women's Champion, was recently featured in the "Teens in the Headlines." a column in the teen age magazine Seventeen.

New Jersey State Association 1965 Schedule

- May 16 (Sunday 12:30 P.M.) Rain date following Sunday.
Junior A. A. U. Tournament — Middlesex Horseshoe Club (10 courts).
Cooke Field, just off Marlboro Road, Middlesex, N. J. Travel directions below.
- June 6 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.
A. A. U. Open Tournament. — Warninoco Park (12 new courts) Elizabeth, N. J.
- June 27 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.
John Rosselt Memorial Tournament — Warninoco Park.
Elizabeth, N. J., Sponsored by the Union Co. Park Commission.
- July 11 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.
Essex County Open Tournament, Branch Brook Park, Newark, N. J.
NOTICE — this is the only tournament being held in Newark.
- July 25 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.
New Jersey Open Tournament — Middlesex Horseshoe Club.
Cooke Field, Middlesex, N. J. Travel directions below.
- Aug. 15 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.
Senior A. A. U. Tournament — Englewood Courts, Englewood, N. J. Opposite Englewood High School Stadium.
- Aug. 29 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.
New Jersey State Singles Championship — Closed tournament. Classes A—B — C and D if we get enough entries. Warninoco Park, Elizabeth, N. J.
- Sept. 5 (Sunday 12:30) Rain date following Sunday.
New Jersey State Doubles Tournament — Closed tournament. Weasel Brook Park, Clifton, N. J. Classes A — B and C according to entries.
- Tournament Director, Paul Puglise, 200 Ludding Ave., Clifton, N. J.

Middlesex Horseshoe Club, located in Middlesex, is on Route 28. Take the Garden State Pkwy. to Union interchange 140 and exit onto Route 22 West. 14 miles west of the G. S. Pkwy. turn left off Route 22 onto Greenbrook Road. Go south to Middlesex. When you hit the main street turn left onto Route 28 and go to Marlboro Road, turn right onto Marlboro Road and follow a few blocks to Cooke Field.

Georgia Association Lists 1965 Tournaments

The following Georgia tournaments will be held on the Sweetwater Inn courts on Highway 78, Austell, Georgia. All tournaments will start at 9 A. M. All will have Class A and B with the exception of the Cobb County championships which will have only Class A. For further details contact D. W. Mitchell, Georgia NHPA secretary, 131 Leland Drive, Mableton, Georgia.

Georgia N.H.P.A. Spring Open, April 17, 1965, Singles Only.
Sweetwater Inn Open, May 8, 1965, Doubles Only.
Cobb County Championships, June 5, 1965, Singles Only.
Georgia N.H.P.A. Championships, Doubles Aug. 28, 1965, Singles Sept. 4, 1965.

World Tourney Housing Reservations

Those wishing to make reservations for rooms during the World tournament in Keene, N. H. July 31 through Augusta 10 may do so by writing to Freddie Melvin, Route 8, Keene, N. H.

Freddie, one of the workhorses of the Keene Horseshoe Club, is chairman of the Housing Committee and the NHPA is sure he will do the same fine job Mrs. Dwight Brown did at Greenville, O. last year.

The city has been host to the finals of the Annual American Legion boys baseball World Series in the past years so it knows how to handle a large influx of visitors.

World Tournament Housing Facilities — Keene, N. H.

KEENE — Palmer Lodge — (Cap. 50) — Tel. 352-4358. Eu. plan \$8-\$16. Mid-May to Mid-Oct. Dining room, Cocktails. Party facilities. A. A. A. Concord Rd., Rt. 9, east of Keene. Dick & Phyllis Palmer.

KEENE — Valley Green Motel — (Cap. 120) — Tel. 352-7850. Eu. plan \$8 up. TV. Restaurant. Room phones. SUPERIOR MOTELS Inc., A. E., C. B. and D. C. credit cards honored. A. A. A. affiliated. West St. in town. The Sweets.

KEENE — Winding Brook Lodge — (Cap. 200) — Tel. 352-3111. Eu. Plan \$9 up. Fine New England Inn. All 90 rooms with TV & Tel. 2 Dining Rooms. Cocktail Lounge. Swimming pool. All sports and recreation nearby. A. A. A. Route 12 northwest of Keene. F. J. Power, Jr., Gen. Mgr.

SPOFFORD — Swiss Motor Court — (Cap. 40) — Tel. 363-4404. Rt. 9 just off Spofford Lake. Cabins & cottages. Near Hinsdale Raceway. Swimming, hiking, lawn games, horseback riding, golf nearby. Jacob Ernst.

SPOFFORD, Tower Light Inn & Motel — On Lake Spofford. Am. & Eu. plan. Swimming, boating, fishing, golf. Excellent food. Rates: \$9-\$10 daily; \$60--68 weekly. Am. plan. Tel. 363-4751. Neil B. Morrison.

WEST CHESTERFIELD — Journey's End Resort — Tel. 603-256-6127. ½ mi. off Rt. 9 on Connecticut River. Boating, fishing. Paddock swimming pool, wading pool. Lawn sports. Rec. hall. Housekeeping cottages accom. 2-10 persons. Also guests. Am. or Eu. plan. Dining Room, Booklet. P. O. address Box 162, Brattleboro, Vt. Charles Rilling.

WEST CHESTERFIELD — Riverside Motel — Cabins — (Cap 32) — Tel. 603-256-6129. Rt. 9 on Connecticut River. Boating & Fishing. Some light housekeeping. Reasonable overnight & weekly rates. John S. Mosbaugh.

KEENE — Keene Cabin Court — (Cap. 12 cab.) — Tel. 352-4988. 508 Washington St., Rts. 9 & 10. Pleasant, comfortable. Situated well off main hwy. Showers, hot & cold water. Margarita M. Wheeler.

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“From Out Of The Mail Bag”

Mr. F. Ellis Cobb, Editor
Horseshoe Pitchers News Digest
1307 Solfisberg Ave.
Aurora, Ill.

Dear Mr. Cobb:

I would like to make a suggestion for Horseshoe Pitching Scoring. It is to count live ringers five points instead of three points.

I feel this one change would greatly improve the sport and certainly speed up the game some. It would also help in tournament play. It would be less tiring on the pitchers and also eliminate some of the added work for scorers.

I feel this change would benefit the top pitchers in the country. Also it would aid in pitching a perfect game which is the dream of all. This would also receive much more publicity in the area papers than one pitching the longest game on record.

As an example, using this new scoring system, five points for a ringer, I replayed the games of Ted Allen vs. Fernando Isais and also Allen vs. Curt Day in the story “The Story of Horseshoe” by Ottie W. Reno on pages 92 and 93.

These are the results:

	P	R	DR	SP	%
T. Allen	50	94	41	100	88.7
F. Isais	36	90	38	106	84.9
(Actual Game)					
T. Allen	37	145	62	168	86.3
F. Isais	52	148	65	168	88.0
Curt Day	56	95	42	106	89.5
T. Allen	46	93	41	106	87.7
(Actual Game)					
T. Allen	50	155	69	174	89.0
Curt Day	49	155	69	174	89.0

It could be possible to have the world horseshoe champion have a 90 per cent ringer average.

I trust you will be able to use this and perhaps this suggestion will receive more consideration from others.

Sincerely Yours,
Mickey Vecchitto

Special Note — The annual Spring-Warm-Up tournament always held on Memorial Day at Rock Falls, Illinois will be **DISCONTINUED** for this coming season. However, plans are going forward on the annual Rock River Valley Open tournament to be held on Labor Day on the Rock Falls courts.

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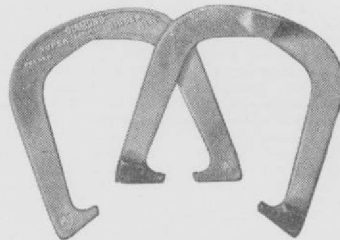
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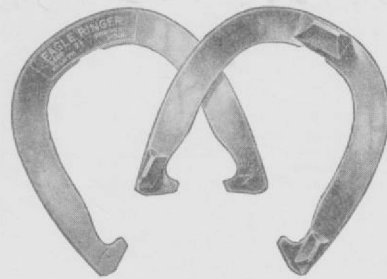
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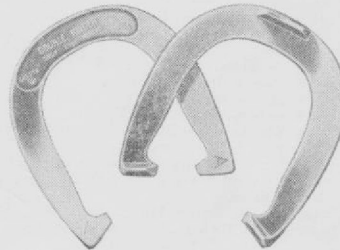


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